

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend** claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A combination filter element support and anti-prefill valve for use with an annular filter element having an annular filter media with a hollow core and disposed within a housing, wherein the housing is closed by an end plate having a central spin-on outlet opening and a plurality of spaced radially disposed inlets, the combination comprising:

a unitary body having an annular portion wherein the annular portion has an annular shoulder extending radially therefrom for supporting the filter element, and a sealing section which engages the end plate over a continuous location which is coaxial with the central spin-on opening, and

the unitary body including a radially extending plate portion having an axially positioned one way valve unitary therewith which opens in an axial direction toward the spin-on opening, the one way valve closing to prevent oil or fuel from flowing through the central spin-on opening and into the hollow core of the filter element and opening when fluid is being circulated is under pumping pressure.
